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Title: VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN
INDUCING IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST
ARTHRITIC PEPTIDES INVOLVED IN THE
PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed July 31, 2001, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, consisting of Claims 10 and 18-24, drawn to a vaccine (gene therapy vaccine), classified in class 514, subclass 44.

Respectfully submitted,

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